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director,

The American Numismatic
and Archaeological Society

Dear Sir: -

Have you a collection of coins
and medals which I may
examine?

Who are the best dealers in
them in New York?

Can you send me a check-list
of American and Foreign commem-
orative coins and medals? -
And any dealer's price-lists
which will give me an idea of
the present prices of them?

I find I have the ^{good} beginnings of
a collection of commemorative
medals and coins, and am
considering going on with it
if the cost will permit.

Can you send me a list
of the best recent books on the

subject? I particularly want
to know what are the known
events in American history
which have been celebrated
by these souvenirs.

Will of course defray
the cost of the information.

Who are the best dealers
and auctioneers in New York
in these things? That is the main thing.

Thanking you for the
favor of your interest
in my quest,

I am Yours very truly,

Thomas W. Hotchkiss

P.S. Among the medals I have is a bronze
one, commemorating the dedication
of Grant's Tomb. It states that it was
issued by the "American Numismatic and
Archaeological Society". Is that your
society with a changed name?

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DEAR SIR:

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I ACT AS MANAGING EDITOR of such works.

I COLLABORATE with busy men in ASSEMBLING FACTS FOR BOOKS OR BOOKLETS relating to their affairs; writing such data into final form, editing the manuscript for publication, verifying citations, and seeing the finished work through the press.

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In these undertakings I am prepared to give adequate personal and business references.

I would appreciate it if you would keep this letter on file for reference.) X

Yours very truly,

THOMAS W. HOTCHKISS.

Mr. V. Lansing Collins, secretary of Princeton University, says: "Mr. Hotchkiss, a graduate of Princeton, is a member of the New York Bar who has preferred the study of substantive law to the practice of the legal profession, and has given much attention to researches among the original sources of New York State and City history, from which he has produced results of exceptional value."

Mr. I. N. Phelps Stokes, of New York, says in the Introduction to Vol. IV of his *Iconography of Manhattan Island*: "In addition to the acknowledgements made in previous volumes, it is a pleasure to add here a further word of appreciation regarding the work of Mr. Thomas W. Hotchkiss, who has devoted more than ten years^⑧ to researches for the Chronology, a large part of which is the direct result of his pains-taking labor and enthusiasm."

Mr. Charles E. Goodspeed, of Boston, writes: "It is not always easy to obtain the services of an intelligent expert investigator who, like yourself, has the modern historical point of view."

August 22, 1931.

Mr. Thomas W. Hotchkiss
118 Pine Street
Peeckskill, New York.

Dear Sir:

Responding to yours of August 21st, we shall be very glad to have you examine our collection of medals, at your convenience. Our Curator is absent on his vacation during August, but he returns on Wednesdays and will be here on Wednesday next. I suggest that it would be a greater satisfaction to you to come on a day he could be here. I am enclosing a list of dealers in coins and medals, although I believe you will find that most of these do not specialize in the medals. There is no such list or price list as you desire. This you would discover to a better purpose when you come, through a visit to our library. The Grant medal concerning which you ask was issued by this Society, which has from time to time published medals dealing with historical events or their centennials. Examples of these are the medal commemorating Paul Revere's Ride and the Purchase of Manhattan Island.

Trusting that this will demonstrate how difficult it would be to give a more specific response to your request, I am

Very truly yours,

SN:JG

Secretary